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Job Title: Design Architect

Company Description

As one of the fastest-growing real estate and construction companies in the Upper Midwest, Doran Companies prides itself on our quality of work, our dedication to clients, and our breadth of experience. Whether it is a historic renovation, a large scale shopping center, or a modern multi-family apartment building, our standard for excellence never wavers. Through hard work, integrity and dedication to clients we have created repeat customers, been recognized numerous times, and developed strong relationships with communities in which we work.

Doran Companies is proud of our award-winning tradition and our reputation as a company that brings highly skilled and passionate team members to our development and construction projects. Many of our projects have won awards in construction and design, and in 2015, Doran Companies was selected as a Top Workplace by the Star Tribune.

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The Design Architect will manage the conceptual and schematic design phases of major building projects as well as work with project teams who transform the preliminary designs into Construction Documents. The successful Candidate will apply knowledge of architectural design, construction detailing, construction procedures, zoning, building codes, as well as building materials for the advancement of project for clients according to their desires, needs, and financial resources. This position reports to the Senior Vice President of Architecture.

Responsibilities

- Plans and programs layout of project(s); coordinates and integrates all other discipline elements into unified design for client review and approval.
- Proven ability to lead multi-disciplinary design charrettes and workshops.
- Leads, assists and/or prepares client project presentation studies and reports.
- Introduces design concepts to current and prospective clients.
- Supervises and performs design exploration activities for projects during the Conceptual and Schematic Design Phase.
- Monitors architectural design and development through the Design Development, Construction Document and Construction Administration phases to ensure successful delivery.
- Manages support staff assigned by Senior Vice President of Architecture.
- Manages projects within established design budgets.
- Conducts periodic on-site observation of design work during construction.

- Contributes to local and company business development goals.
- Provides design review of marketing materials, brochures, mailings and other visual materials with graphic design content.
- Maintains awareness of industry trends (such as related-technology and green design), educates staff and modifies practices.
- Utilizes computer-assisted design software and equipment to prepare project designs and plans.

Required Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

- Candidate should have good all-around knowledge and understanding of building design process, including technical aspects of various architectural and engineering disciplines as well as project cost control, value engineering and scheduling requirements.
- Comprehensive knowledge of the commercial architecture and/or design/build industry.
- Comprehensive knowledge of working drawing techniques and procedures.
- Working knowledge of building systems, codes and ADA requirements.
- Candidates will also be familiar with international standards for design, methods of measurement and forms of contract for construction projects.
- Advanced verbal and written communication skills including a highly-developed level of presentation skills in order to clearly communicate a design concept to designers, technical staff and clients.
- Sound knowledge of design principles, practices and aesthetics including furnishings and equipment.
- Expert sketching and rendering skills.
- Demonstrated experience in the use of digital platforms such as Revit, AutoCAD, SketchUp, basic rendering and publishing programs, and Microsoft Office is required.
- Demonstrated ability to manage and lead staff through a combination of direct authority and subject-matter expertise.
- Working knowledge of budget preparation and proven ability to manage projects within budgetary constraints.
- Ability to effectively coordinate design issues with internal architectural and engineering team members is required.

Required Education and Work Experience

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited architecture or design school.
- Master's Degree in Architecture is preferred.
- 10+ years progressive experience in architectural engineering design and working on commercial design projects.

Additional Details

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